

SENATE BILL 3324
By Carter

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36, Chapter 5,
relative to child support.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36, Chapter 5, is amended by adding the
following as a new section to be appropriately designated:

Section 36-5-____.

- (a) The clerk of court of each county shall compile a list of the names of parties determined by the court that has jurisdiction relative to child support matters to be delinquent in amounts due and owing as court-ordered child support and shall furnish such list to the newspaper of general circulation in such county for publication therein. Such list shall be published on a monthly basis. The costs of publication shall be paid from funds from the general fund of each county.
- (b) The department of children's services and the administrative offices of the court shall determine guidelines for publication pursuant to subsection (a). The department is herein authorized to promulgate necessary rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this act.
- (c) In this act, "newspaper of general circulation" means a publication bearing a title or name, regularly issued at least as frequently as once a week for a

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definite price, having a second class mailing privilege, being not less than four (4) pages, published continuously during the immediately preceding one-year period, which is published for the dissemination of news of general interest and is circulated generally in the political subdivision in which it is published and in which notice is to be given. In any county where a publication fully complying with this definition does not exist, the clerk of the court that has jurisdiction relative to child support matters shall determine the appropriate publication to publish any required nonsupport notice. A newspaper which is not engaged in the distribution of news of general interest to the public, but which is primarily engaged in the distribution of news of interest to a particular group of citizens, is not a "newspaper of general circulation".

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 1998, the public welfare requiring it.